

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support this honor for Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey.

As a single mom with three small children, she went on welfare before working her way to success in both business and local politics. She went on to serve with distinction in Congress but she never forgot the children.

In Congress she was a fierce advocate for peace her entire career and she was right. She was a founding member of the Out of Iraq Caucus when that was not very popular with the general public and with most of our congressional colleagues. She was right about social policy. She was right about war and peace. And she is a delightful human being. I am pleased to support this commemoration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2842.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

JEREMY L. RIDLEN POST OFFICE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3579) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, as the "Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3579

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JEREMY L. RIDLEN POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) and the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3579 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, as the Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office.

Army National Guard Specialist Jeremy L. Ridlen was born in Maroa, Illinois, where he attended Maroa-Forsyth High School with his twin brother, Jason. Jeremy and Jason were students at Illinois State University, where they joined the National Guard and were assigned to the 1544th Transportation Company. In 2003, the National Guard activated their unit and deployed them to Fallujah, Iraq, where Jeremy served as postal clerk.

On May 23, 2004, Jeremy was killed after a truck rigged with explosives detonated next to his convoy. He was 23 years old.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Jeremy L. Ridlen, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, by naming the post office at 200 East Main Street after him, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would name a post office in Illinois after Army National Guard Specialist Jeremy Ridlen.

Ridlen was born and raised in Maroa, Illinois. Jeremy and twin brother, Jason, went on to attend Illinois State University, and both signed up for the National Guard.

They were assigned to the 1544 Transportation Company, which was activated in 2003 and deployed to Fallujah, Iraq. Jeremy served as the postal clerk there.

Sadly, on May 23, 2004, Jeremy was killed in an ambush after a truck exploded next to his convoy.

Specialist Ridlen was an outstanding patriot, and I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS).

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for giving us the opportunity to honor a hero, Jeremy Ridlen.

I rise in support of this bill today to designate the United States Postal Service facility in Maroa, Illinois, as the Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office.

Army Specialist Jeremy Ridlen was born and raised in Maroa, Illinois, where he attended Maroa-Forsyth High School with his twin brother, Jason.

Jeremy and Jason, like my twin boys, were inseparable. They were active in their church, played on its softball team, and were included in its weekly prayer list after they both deployed.

Jeremy and Jason attended Illinois State University and joined the National Guard shortly thereafter. Their unit, the 1544 Transportation Company, was deployed to Iraq in 2003. On May 23, 2004, after a truck rigged with an IED detonated next to his convoy, small arms fire killed Jeremy in the ambush.

Designating this post office in honor of Jeremy will serve as a testament to his bravery and a reminder of all those who laid down their life for the United States of America.

Jeremy Ridlen died serving his country, and for that, he is a hero to all of us. He put his country above all else, and we thank him for his service and are thinking of his entire family back in Illinois today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for this legislation.

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the gentleman from Illinois that as a fellow parent of twins—mine are 22—I send deepest condolences. Although I know his passing was back in 2004, I know the pain is fresh for his family. It is an honor to be able to join my colleagues in helping to name this post office.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 3579, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3579.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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CORPORAL JEFFREY ROBERT
STANDFEST POST OFFICE
BUILDING

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3613) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbull Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, as the "Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3613

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CORPORAL JEFFREY ROBERT STANDFEST POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbull Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other

record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) and the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3613 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbull Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, as the Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building.

Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest was born on April 24, 1987. He was a 2005 graduate of Saint Clair High School where, during his senior year, he won 12 of his 14 cross-country races and was named the Times Herald newspaper's Runner of the Year. He also ran cross-country during his tenure at Oakland University and helped lead his team to a conference championship.

Described as an all-American kid, he joined the military because his grandfather had served in the Marines during World War II. Due to his constant demonstration of maturity and leadership, Corporal Standfest was selected to become one of his unit's few dog handlers, in addition to his role as a combat engineer.

In Afghanistan, he had been operating alongside his fellow engineers as a dog handler to detect IEDs and assist the route clearance platoon. Sadly, while attempting to clear a building on June 16, 2010, tragedy struck in the Helmand province of Afghanistan when Corporal Standfest, along with his bomb-sniffing dog, Sergeant Ruppert, was killed by an IED. Corporal Standfest was only 23 years old.

In the aftermath of his death, then-Governor Granholm lowered flags to halfstaff. Corporal Standfest was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. He was previously awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the NATO medal.

Naming a post office after Corporal Standfest is appropriate, given his dedication to his country. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Corporal Standfest.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill which honors Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest. Inspired by his grandfather, a Marine in World War II, this all-American kid joined the military as a combat engineer. Corporal Standfest was later selected to become one of his unit's few dog handlers, a testament to his maturity.

Tragically, Corporal Standfest was killed by an IED on June 16, 2010, while clearing a building in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. His bomb-sniffing dog, Sergeant Ruppert, was also killed. Corporal Standfest was only 23 years old.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this bill honoring a true American hero. I support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATURNER. I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MCCLAIN).

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, the House will vote on my bill to rename the Saint Clair Post Office after Marine Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest. Before we do, I want to tell you a little bit about the life of this brave young man.

Mr. Speaker, Corporal Standfest was described by those who knew him as respectful, family-oriented, dedicated, hardworking, and the all-American kid.

He was a runner at Saint Clair High School where he graduated in 2005. His success as a runner, along with his reputation as a leader, continued during his time at Oakland University. In 2008, wanting to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather who served our Nation during World War II, Jeff enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was deployed to Afghanistan as a combat engineer and a K9 handler. Tragically on June 16, Corporal Standfest and his canine, Sergeant Ruppert, were killed by an IED. He was only 23 years old.

Mr. Speaker, we must always remember that the rights and freedoms we as Americans hold dear are only secured through the courage and sacrifice of those who serve. Eleven years later, his memory, his courage, and his sacrifice are kept alive by his parents, Timothy and Karen, and his sister, Jaclyn, all of whom knew him and loved him.

Mr. Speaker, this bill could never heal the wounds of losing him, but passage of this bill will demonstrate to his loved ones that Congress and this country will never forget his bravery and ultimate sacrifice. Passage of this bill will ensure that the residents of Saint Clair will always be reminded about their high school star runner, the all-American kid who answered the call to serve and gave his life in defense of this great country.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close.

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from Michigan for coming down here to speak about such a brave American hero.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I am prepared to close. I do support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3613.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS
CHARLES JACKSON FRENCH
POST OFFICE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4168) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6223 Maple Street, in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4168

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS CHARLES JACKSON FRENCH POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6223 Maple Street, in Omaha, Nebraska, shall be known and designated as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) and the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.